Rehabilitation of Bonded Labourers

*577. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the details of financial assistance provided under the Centrally sponsored scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labourers during 1994-95 and 1995-96, State-wise;

(b) the progress achieved in regard to rehabilitation of bonded labourers in each State during the above period; and

(c) the amount allocated for 1996-97 to each State for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Statewise position of Financial and Physical achievements under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour during 1994-95 and 1995-96 is given below :—

Name of State	1994-95			1995-96		
	Physical Target	Physical Achievement	Central Assistance Released (Rs. in lakhs)	Physical Target	Physical Achievement	Central Asistance Released (Rs. in lakhs)
Andhra Pradesh	2000	1638	31.25	5080	582	79.37
Bihar	423	337	6.61	200	90	—
Karnataka	196	149	42.66	50	122	2.84
Orissa	25	4	0.39	51	4	1.63
Rajasthan	60	61	3.28	119	203	5.70
Tamil Nadu	72	107	1.12	65	114	—
Gujarat	—	—	—	8	0	—
Haryana	—	—	—	97	0	—
Total	2776	2296	85.31	5700	1115	89.54

(c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labour, Statewise allocation is not made. Funds are released to the States on receipt of proposals from them. For the year 1996-97, a total provision of Rs. 80 lakhs has been made.

Press Council of India

*578. SHRI RAM NAIK :
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Press Council of India has prepared new guidelines, which also include guidelines relating to coverage of election process by the Press, pre-election and exit-poll surveys;

(b) if so, the salient features of the new guidelines and suggestions made by the Press Council of India; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Information is given in the statement attached.

(c) The Government has taken note of the guidelines of the Press Council.

STATEMENT

The salient features of the new guidelines and suggestions made by the Press Council of India are as folows :—

(i) In January, '96, Press Council of India had cautioned the print media against allowing its forum to be used for distorting and manipulating the election process by publishing pre-poll surveys so that the independent choice of the voters was not interfered with or influenced by such surveys.